

TO: MAYOR & EACH COUNCILLOR
FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

ON TABLE ITEM

Date: March 22, 2017
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MayorandCouncillors

From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 11:10
To: 'NPegram@morguard.com'
Subject: RE: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy- 10-6125-07-02/2015-Vol 01

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Dear Mr. Pegram,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence to Richmond City Council. A copy of your email has been forwarded to the Mayor and each Councillor. In addition, your correspondence has also been forwarded to the Public Works and Transportation Committee, and staff.

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting of Richmond City Council held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Thank you for taking the time to write to Richmond City Council.

Sincerely,
Claudia

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From: CityClerk
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 10:53
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy- 10-6125-07-02/2015-Vol 01

From: Neil Pegram [<mailto:NPegram@morguard.com>]
Sent: Friday, 17 March 2017 15:33
To: CityClerk
Subject: Re: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy- 10-6125-07-02/2015-Vol 01

Council Members
City of Richmond Public Works
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Richmond, BC, Canada
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Re: 10-6125-07-02/2015-Vol 01

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Members,

I am writing in support of the recommendations regarding Richmond's Building Energy Benchmarking Policy.
Please see attached letter.

Sincerely



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March 17, 2017

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Re: 10-6125-07-02/2015-Vol 01

Members,

I am writing in support of the recommendations regarding a Building Energy Benchmarking Policy.

Morguard Corporation is a real estate operating company (TSX- MRC) with an owned and managed portfolio of assets valued at more than \$21.5 billion. Morguard operates three diversified lines of business including REITs, Real Estate Advisory Services, and Portfolio Management. Morguard has significant investments and management capabilities in over 50 million sq ft of retail, office, industrial, multi-suite residential and hotels, across Canada and the U.S. Morguard has \$2.2 billion in assets under management and over 6 million sq ft of property in British Columbia.

Since our assets are spread across Canada and the U.S. we are participants in numerous state, provincial, or municipal energy benchmarking initiatives. For consistency and ease of process we have implemented NRCans Energy Star Portfolio Manager (ESPM) in all of our properties. Benchmarking is an important part of Morguard's asset and property management, helping us make informed energy management decisions.

Morguard supports benchmarking requirements when applied consistently across state, provincial and national programs. Increased data benchmarking is a necessary step in reducing our sustainability footprint, increasing the performance of our assets, and providing legislators and regulators with the data to make informed decisions and further improved performance. Consistent and accessible process will encourage all owners to adopt energy management best practice.

We encourage all members to research the current best practices that are being set across Canada and the U.S., and to move forward in supporting building energy benchmarking initiatives.

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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 11:08
To: 'r_e_rutkowski@att.net'
Subject: RE: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy

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Dear Mr. Rutkowski,

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From: Robert Rutkowski [mailto:r_e_rutkowski@att.net]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 15:38
To: CityClerk
Cc: OIGWebmaster@state.gov
Subject: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy

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Re: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy

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I am writing in support of city staff's recommendations on advancing building energy benchmarking policy in B.C. The actions proposed to the Public Works and Transportation Committee represent an opportunity for the City of Richmond to assert itself as a leader in the transition to healthy, durable, and low emissions buildings. Governments at all levels

are crafting plans to curb carbon pollution in light of new commitments under B.C.'s Climate Leadership Plan and the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. These measures will also help put Richmond on track to meet its Official Community Plan targets for reducing community-level emissions.

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I applaud the vision and commitment of the City of Richmond on climate action and building energy benchmarking, particularly the city's request for the province to consider mandatory benchmarking during development of the Climate Leadership Plan. The city can continue to lead by example by establishing a local benchmarking requirement in Richmond and disclosing energy use for City-owned buildings, as proof of the effectiveness of these policies. Such a requirement would build on progress made to date and accelerate the market transformation already underway in the city.

I support a clear and consistent framework for energy benchmarking and reporting, and believes that a provincial requirement will be the most effective and administratively feasible approach. I support staff's recommendation to bring forward a resolution to the Union of B.C.

Municipalities and Lower Mainland Local Government Association calling on the province to take this step toward meeting B.C.'s commitments under the Pan-Canadian Framework and Pacific Coast Climate Leadership Action Plan. I also support the recommendation that Metro Vancouver's Climate Action Committee be engaged to develop a regional benchmarking requirement in the event of provincial inaction on this file.

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By partnering with these organizations, the City of Richmond can accelerate the development of B.C.'s benchmarking infrastructure and empower building owners and governments with improved access to data.

The implementation of a benchmarking and disclosure policy in the City of Richmond (and B.C. as a whole) would provide a low-cost and effective tool to reduce carbon pollution from buildings. Promoting high levels of energy performance will also improve the quality and health of the homes and buildings in which residents live and work, create jobs in the clean economy, and support innovation in the local supply chain.

I commend the City of Richmond for its continued leadership role in green building policy.

Yours sincerely,
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From: CityClerk
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 14:30
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Public Works and Transportation Committee- Submission for circulation
Attachments: City of Richmond- EWRB (March 2017).pdf

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From: Brooks Barnett [<mailto:BBarnett@realpac.ca>]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 09:27
To: CityClerk
Cc: McEwen, Brendan
Subject: Public Works and Transportation Committee- Submission for circulation



Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a copy of REALPAC's submission on "Climate Action- Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy" for circulation to members of Public Works and Transportation Committee – which I understand is meeting this week to consider this matter. Please contact me if any questions or concerns with this submission.

With thanks,

Brooks Barnett

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Public Works and Transportation Committee

March 20, 2017

RE: Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy

Dear Committee Members,

The Real Property Association of Canada (REALPAC) is Canada's senior national industry association for owners and managers of investment real estate. Our members include publicly traded real estate companies, real estate investment trusts (REITs), private companies, large Canadian pension funds, banks and life insurance companies, with collective investment real estate assets of over \$250 Billion. The association is further supported by large owner/occupiers and pension fund advisors as well as individually selected investment dealers and real estate brokerages. REALPAC is an exclusive, executive organization whose vision is to be Canada's most influential voice in the real property investment industry.

Recently, REALPAC has become aware of the City of Richmond's potential request for provincial implementation of energy reporting and benchmarking program and related policies. Energy and water reporting and benchmarking has been a key topic for the national commercial real estate industry. The association has been actively participating in the Ontario policy implementation process and is actively consulting with the various jurisdictions within Canada on potential energy and water reporting and benchmarking initiatives.

REALPAC is prepared to work with municipal and provincial policy partners in developing an energy and water reporting and benchmarking framework that can lead to meaningful energy and emissions reductions, without being burdensome on B.C property owners.

As many of our members own, manage and develop considerable real estate assets in British Columbia, and would be subject to the requested provincial requirements, REALPAC is pleased to provide various policy comments on the policy.

Energy and water reporting and benchmarking initiatives for large buildings would require property owners to track their building's energy and water usage—as well as greenhouse gas emissions—over time, to determine how a building's energy performance is changing and how it compares to other, similar buildings. This ongoing review would help building owners identify opportunities to save energy and water, thereby saving money on their utility bills. It would also help tenants and buyers make informed property decisions, enabling property and financial markets to value energy- and water-efficient buildings, and it would help B.C and its many municipalities (including Richmond) meet their conservation and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

B.C's commercial real estate industry is ready for such a program. In fact, most of the province's largest property portfolios are already measuring and benchmarking their energy consumption, voluntarily. Building owners understand that 'what gets measured, gets managed', and this can be translated into a bottom-line benefit. Extending these requirements to large buildings would align the province's policy with jurisdictions across the United States, Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia.

It is expected that more and more Canadian jurisdictions will introduce energy and water reporting and benchmarking in the next few years. As we know, the Province of Ontario is introducing Canada's first subnational program, in which buildings will report energy data followed by some form of public disclosure. REALPAC is also aware that energy reporting and disclosure was a key policy inclusion as part of the Pan-Canadian Climate Plan signed by the federal government and provinces in 2016. The importance of not building a policy mismatch – in which different policies apply to different jurisdictions nationally – cannot be overstated. As many of the major corporations in our industry

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own and operate considerable real estate assets across the country, it is important that jurisdictions discussing energy reporting and benchmarking policies understand the benefit of integration with other established systems. We strongly encourage the City of Richmond and provincial government of British Columbia to consider this matter with the knowledge that Ontario has crafted a system that is progressive, effective, and supported by the industry that it is meant to assist. Should this matter move forward, REALPAC would recommend working with Ontario policy makers to craft a B.C framework built on similar principles.

While progress toward an energy and water reporting and benchmarking policy has been more meaningful in Ontario, the City of Richmond's request to the province of B.C may once again identify this policy as one of the meaningful ways in which energy consumption and carbon emissions may be reduced in the buildings industry. REALPAC and our industry allies are eager to collaborate with the City and Province should there be a policy direction taken on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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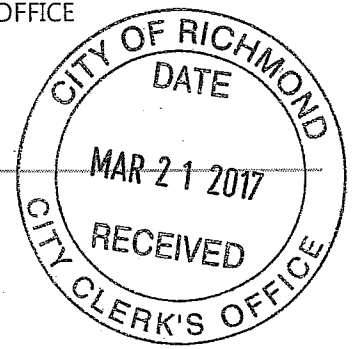
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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 14:44
To: Russell, Peter
Subject: FW: Comment on City of Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee.
Attachments: Ltr of Support-Richmond Benchmarking Policy_igt170321.pdf

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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 14:43
To: 'igtheaker@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Comment on City of Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Dear Mr. Theaker,

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence. Please be advised that your correspondence has been forwarded to the Public Works and Transportation Committee and appropriate staff.

Thank you for taking the time to write on this matter.

Sincerely,
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From: CityClerk
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 14:23
To: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: FW: Comment on City of Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee.

From: Ian G. Theaker [<mailto:igtheaker@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 12:00
To: CityClerk
Subject: Comment on City of Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Hello,

You should find attached my letter of support (attached) for item PWT 24 - "Climate Action - Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy" scheduled to be discussed at tomorrow's (March 22) Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting.

Could you please forward this letter to its Chair and members?

Thanks in advance!

Warm regards,
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"The greatest challenge to any thinker is stating the problem in a way that will allow a solution." Bertrand Russell

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Re: **Support for Proposed Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy**
Richmond File: 10-6125-07-02/2015- Director, Engineering Vol 01

Dear Committee Members and Chair:

I'm writing to express my heartfelt support for the Building Energy Benchmarking Policy proposed for your consideration, both as a professional engineer focused on green buildings, and as a graduate student researching these policies with UBC's Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability.

Well-crafted benchmarking regulations across the U.S. have been found to be remarkably effective in reducing energy costs, waste and greenhouse gas emissions of buildings^{1,2,3,4}. They address a key barrier to policy and market action, widespread lack of reliable data on building energy and climate performance^{5,6,7}.

Mandatory benchmarking and data transparency have created powerful new drivers for continued improvement, investment and local employment in many real estate markets^{7,8}. My own thesis research shows that Toronto condo buyers share a universal but frustrated desire for performance information, to inform their purchase decisions and exposure to rising energy and emissions costs. Industry benchmarking stakeholders I interviewed in 2015 for the City of Vancouver broadly supported a benchmarking regulation, if automated utility data exchange, assistance for owners and managers, and information quality are properly addressed⁹.

The staff proposal addresses these concerns, and offers several useful recommendations. Common province-wide benchmarking policy, compliance and data infrastructure would ensure consistency and quality, and reduce both public and private costs, and engaging the BC Real Estate Foundation and BC Hydro would help build industry support and capacity. In short, I am very pleased to see Richmond considering this proposal, and urge your favourable vote.

Sincerely,



Ian G. Theaker P.Eng., MA RES Candidate

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MayorandCouncillors

From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 09:41
To: 'Dylan Heerema'
Subject: RE: Letter in support of Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy

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Dear Mr. Heerema,

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From: Dylan Heerema [<mailto:dylanh@pembina.org>]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 09:17
To: CityClerk
Cc: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Letter in support of Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy

Good morning,

On behalf of the Pembina Institute, please find attached our correspondence in support of Item #3 (Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy) on the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting agenda for Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Best Regards,

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We commend the City of Richmond for its continued leadership role in green building policy.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Tam Wu
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MayorandCouncillors

From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 09:31
To: 'Jayson Antonoff'
Subject: RE: Letter of Support - City of Richmond - Building Energy Benchmarking Report to Committee

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Dear Mr. Antonoff,

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From: Jayson Antonoff [<mailto:jayson@imt.org>]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 16:11
To: CityClerk
Cc: MayorandCouncillors; Cliff Majersik
Subject: Letter of Support - City of Richmond - Building Energy Benchmarking Report to Committee

Dear Mayor Brodie, Councillors, and Members of the Public Works and Transportation Committee:

I am submitting the attached letter on behalf of the Institute for Market Transformation, to express our support for the recommendations of the "Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy" report being presented to the City of Richmond's Public Works and Transportation Committee. We believe that establishing requirements for energy benchmarking of large buildings, both at the local level and at the provincial level, would be an important step in helping the City of Richmond achieve its sustainability and GHG emissions reductions targets, and hope that the City will demonstrate leadership by implementing all of the recommendations of the report.

Sincerely

Jayson Antonoff
Associate Technical Director, Building Performance Policy

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To: City of Richmond Public Works and Transportation Committee &
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**RE: Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy
Advocacy**

I am writing on behalf of the Institute for Market Transformation to support the recommendations of the “Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy” report being presented to the City of Richmond’s Public Works and Transportation Committee.

The Institute for Market Transformation (IMT) is a non-profit organization that for more than 20 years has worked toward a future in which all buildings are highly efficient. IMT assists North American cities, states, and provinces in developing energy efficiency initiatives. A key focus of IMT’s work is building energy benchmarking reporting and transparency policies.

With IMT’s help, benchmarking reporting requirements have to date been enacted in the province of Ontario, the states of Washington and California, and 25 cities across North America, with more jurisdictions currently considering such requirements. These policies now cover more than 10 percent of all space in large commercial and multifamily buildings in the U.S.

IMT has seen first-hand how benchmarking can reduce energy costs and emissions. Benchmarking allows owners and occupants to understand their building’s relative energy performance, and helps identify opportunities to cut energy waste. A recent analysis by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency showed that buildings that were benchmarked saved on average 7 percent in energy over three years.

Moreover, benchmarking requirements allow cities and their partners to better target programs to help buildings save energy. Once jurisdictions establish benchmarking requirements, they are able to deliver superior educational programming in partnership with utilities and local building owners and managers associations. Such assistance can be particularly powerful for Class B and C office and multifamily buildings, which typically do not have access to dedicated energy management support. In our experience, mandatory benchmarking requirements are one of the most



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effective ways to reach anywhere near the full population of buildings in a jurisdiction, and are key to optimizing community energy performance.

IMT is engaged with the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC), a partnership of British Columbia, California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska on policy matters. The Pacific Coast Collaborative's Climate Leadership Plan commits its members to collaborating with West Coast cities to further expand large building energy benchmarking and transparency throughout the region.

Implementing the recommendations of the "Climate Action – Building Energy Benchmarking Policy Advocacy" report will demonstrate leadership by the City of Richmond towards a sustainable, higher-performing built environment. We at IMT hope our resources and knowledge of best practices in this area will help the City of Richmond, the province of British Columbia, and other regional stakeholders, implement benchmarking reporting requirements in British Columbia.

Yours truly,

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Cliff Majersik
Executive Director, Institute for Market Transformation

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From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 09:34
To: 'Akua Schatz'
Subject: RE: Letter of Support - Building Energy Benchmarking Initiatives

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Dear Akua Schatz,

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From: Akua Schatz [<mailto:aschatz@caqbc.org>]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 15:40
To: CityClerk
Cc: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Letter of Support - Building Energy Benchmarking Initiatives

Dear City of Richmond Council Members,

Please find attached a letter of support from the Canada Green Building Council in advance of your discussions regarding energy benchmarking initiatives on March 22 and 27th. We are thrilled with the steps being considered by the City of Richmond and we wholeheartedly applaud the leadership role it has undertaken by championing energy benchmarking policy.

Sincerely,

Akua

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Canada Green Building Council
Conseil du bâtiment durable du Canada

March 20, 2017

RE: Building Energy Benchmarking Policy

Dear City of Richmond Council Members,

We congratulate the City of Richmond for the leadership role it has taken to advance energy benchmarking and reporting programs for the municipality and the Province of British Columbia.

Energy benchmarking regulations are a critical component to reducing GHG emissions from the built environment. While there is a good deal of momentum toward energy conservation in the Province, the lack of data is a consistent challenge that can inhibit the success of energy efficiency interventions. We know that buildings can be designed and operated more efficiently, however we lack information about which buildings are performing badly and why.

Energy benchmarking, reporting and disclosure requirements help overcome the data transparency challenge. Building owners use a common tool to calculate energy use and compare their building's consumption against other buildings, and against themselves over time. Reporting energy use to a government body ensures that policy makers have the information they need to make significant improvements and address inefficiencies. Disclosure of data provides information to owners and tenants and can help guide investment decisions.

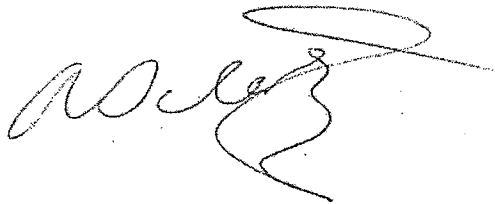
Energy benchmarking regulations have served to improve the performance of buildings in over 30 jurisdictions (cities and states) across the United States for several years. The connection between energy benchmarking data and improvements to buildings is closely linked. For example, through its energy benchmarking program, NYC Office of Sustainability identified steam heat as a key opportunity under its Retrofit Accelerator Program, estimating that five percent of GHGs can be reduced from the NYC's annual emissions, with building owners saving 15 percent in energy costs.

In Canada, many building owners already participate in energy benchmarking efforts for their building portfolios and have acquired the skills necessary to collect, monitor and assess performance data. Recently benchmarking policies have made entry into the Canadian context with the Province of Ontario being the first jurisdiction to implement

mandatory energy benchmarking requirements for large commercial, institutional, and multi-residential buildings. Specific issues regarding privacy of data and exceptions for certain building types have faced thorough review and consideration in Ontario and other jurisdictions. Richmond and the province of British Columbia will be well-positioned to build on the best practices and experience of others who have already implemented benchmarking policies.

The CaGBC strongly supports the four steps that the City of Richmond is seeking to undertake and we feel that collectively they will have a substantial impact on advancing energy benchmarking policy for the Province of British Columbia and the cities of in the Lower Mainland.

Sincerely,



Akua Schatz
Director of Advocacy and Development
Canada Green Building Council

The Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC) is a not-for-profit, national organization that has been working since 2002 to advance green building and sustainable community development practices in Canada. Through its innovative programs that include the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) rating system, a national network of green professionals/practitioners and real estate owners, and alongside over 1,300 member organizations, the CaGBC has made excellent inroads toward reducing the environmental impact of the built environment in Canada.

The CaGBC has a long-standing commitment in the development of energy benchmarking policies and regulations across Canada. Our White Paper last spring, titled Energy Benchmarking, Reporting & Disclosure: A Guide to a Common Framework outlines how benchmarking policies are a proven approach to reducing the energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector and serves as a guide to local and provincial governments developing energy benchmarking policies and regulations across Canada.

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MARCH 22/17 PWT
ITEM 3

From: MayorandCouncillors
Sent: Tuesday, 21 March 2017 09:38
To: 'dale littlejohn'
Subject: RE: Support for energy benchmarking for large buildings
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From: dale littlejohn [<mailto:dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, 20 March 2017 10:51
To: CityClerk
Cc: MayorandCouncillors
Subject: Support for energy benchmarking for large buildings

Mayor and Council,
I have attached a short letter expressing CEA's support for energy benchmarking for large buildings. If this exciting initiative goes forward, I also encourage City of Richmond to apply for CEA's Climate and Energy Action Award for 2017. <http://communityenergy.bc.ca/climate-and-energy-action-awards/>

...Dale.

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March 20, 2017

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Energy Benchmarking for Large Buildings

Congratulations on Richmond's continued leadership on helping residents and businesses save energy, emissions, and money.

Community Energy Association (CEA) is a non-profit research and advisory organization with a mandate to support local governments across BC in developing and implementing their climate and energy goals.

CEA supports energy benchmarking for large buildings. This approach has delivered measurable results in other jurisdictions and we fully expect that benchmarking would deliver positive energy and emissions savings in BC.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 604-628-7076 or dlittlejohn@communityenergy.bc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Littlejohn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Littlejohn Executive Director, Community Energy Association